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FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

1. [Text] San Salvador, 2 Jan (EFE)--Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani today declared that the investigation into the killing of the six Jesuits last 16 November "is now directed within the Armed Forces."
2. Cristiani said that cartridges are being analyzed, ballistic tests are being made, and soldiers who were on duty near the Central American University (UCA) where the Jesuits were killed that morning while an overnight curfew was in effect in El Salvador, are being subjected to interrogation.
3. The six Jesuits--five Spaniards and one Salvadoran-- who worked for the UCA, were assassinated, together with two women (mother and daughter) who were employed by the Jesuits.
4. The Salvadoran president said that a guerrilla captured by the Armed Forces blamed the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) for this assassination, but that later evidence obtained "caused this version to be dismissed."
5. Cristiani declared during a news conference today that the best testimony on the progress of the investigation can be given by two inspectors sent by the Spanish Government to investigate the case who he spoke to before they returned to their country.
6. A spokesman for the Spanish Embassy told EFE today that the conclusions reached by the investigators will be disclosed in Madrid and not in El Salvador, although he did not say when.
7. "They told me that they had analyzed the work by the investigating commission (appointed by the government) and could see that they were carrying out a sound investigation, which covered different aspects," he stated.

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8. Cristiani said that the investigating commission had also explained the progress of the investigation to the Company of Jesus and "they were quite satisfied."

9. Catholic Church and Jesuit sectors have blamed "elements" of the Armed Forces for this multiple assassination, although they have ruled out that the crime corresponded to an official decision by the Armed Forces.